New All India Service for AIR and Doordarshan

2675. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to create a new all-India organised Group 'A' Service for the Programme Officers/cadres of All India Radio and Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme and time it would take to notify the said service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The Government has decided to constitute a new Group 'A' Central Service, called the Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service with comparable grades and scales found in other similar non-technical Central Services.

The new Service will have separate cadres for All India Radio and Doordarshan and separate sub-cadres within the media to meet the needs of programme management and programme production functions. A feature of the proposed Service is that it will offer scope for individual officers to achieve specialisation according to their personal preferences. The initial recruitment to the service will be in the junior time scale (Rs. 700-1300) through Union Public Service Commission.

The Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service will come into effect when the rules therefor are notified. After approval by Department of Personnel, the rules have been referred to the Union Public Service Commission for approval. It is, however, difficult to specify the exact date by which the Service will come into effect.

Appointment of Director General All India Radio

2676. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a copy of the Supreme Court judgement delivered recently in connection with the appointment of Director General, All India Radio;

(b) if so, whether a copy of the same would be laid on the table; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the light of Supreme Court's direction that the eligible persons may be considered after the present incumbent vacates office on 3-3-1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A copy of the Supreme Court judgement is attached (*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 120).

(c) Action for filling up the post of Director General, All India Radio is under process.

Formulation of liberal software policy

2677. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to formulate a liberal software policy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Government have recently formulated and announced policy on 'Computer Software Export, Software Development and Training.' Copy of the policy is enclosed.

[*See* Appendix CXLI annexure No. 121].

Security press in Tamil Nadu

2678. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal to establish more security presses; and